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Many Canneries Receive Licenses.

Under a law passed at the last session of the legislature, individuals, firms, and other organizations engaged in the commercial canning of any agricultural food products, the sterilization of which requires the use of a pressure cooker, must first obtain licenses from the California State Board of Health. For the purpose of enforcing the rules and regulations incidental to the enforcement of this law Chief Cannery Inspector M. P. Duffy and a staff of inspectors have been actively engaged in cannery inspection during the past few months.

Licenses, as provided in the law, have been granted to the following companies and individuals:

Smith-Frank Packing Company, Sacramento; California Sanitary Canning Company, Los Angeles; Barron-Gray Packing Company, San Jose; Bayer, Peter, Oakdale; Bay Side Canning Company, plants at Alviso and Isleton; F. E. Booth Company, plants at Centerville and Pittsburg; California Cooperative Canneries, plants at Modesto and San Jose; California Packing Corporation, plants at Oakland, Emeryville, San Leandro, Lorenzo, Santa Rosa, San Jose, Rio Vista, Sacramento, and Stockton; Cutler-Lobinger Packing Company, Pomona; El Monte Canning Company, El Monte; Golden State Asparagus Company, Andrus Island; Hemet Packing

Company, Hemet; Herbert Packing Company, San Jose; R. Hickmott Canning Company, Antioch; Hollister Canning Company, Hollister; G. W. Hume Company, plants at Turlock and Benicia; Hunt Bros. Packing Company, Hayward; Isleton Canning Company, Isleton; Kings County Packing Company, Armona; Libby, McNeill and Libby, plants at Locke, Sunnyvale, Isleton, Ryde, Sacramento and Selma; Manteca Canning Company, Manteca; E. C. Ortega Company, Inc., Los Angeles; McKeon Canning Company, Inc., Burbank; Neuhoft, Fred B., Van Nuys; Ocean Shore Canning Company, Inc., Half Moon Bay; Pacific Pea Packing Company, Oakdale; Pratt-Low Preserving Company, plants at Modesto, Walnut Grove and Santa Clara; Prince, H. G. and Company, plants at Fruitvale and San Leandro; Richmond-Chase Company, plants at San Jose and Stockton; San Francisco Packing Company, San Francisco; San Martin Canning Company, San Martin; Santa Cruz Fruit Packing Company, Santa Cruz; V. R. Smith Olive Company, Lindsay; A. V. Stuart, Ripon; Sun Garden Canning Company, Modesto; Winters Canning Company, Suisun; Pacific Coast Canning Company, Oakland.

Azusa Places Health Work Under County.

The city of Azusa has delegated the administration of its public health work to the Los Angeles County Department of Health, of which Dr. J. L. Pomeroy is executive officer.

Eighty Nurses Pass Board's Examination.

An examination was given on December 12th to public health nurses, as authorized by state law. The following nurses passed the examination successfully and have been granted certificates as public health nurses:

Aukerry, Pauline, Los Angeles.
 Bartoo, Harriet, Los Angeles.
 Behrman, Marguerite B., Santa Monica.
 Bell, Harriet Jane, Inglewood.
 Black, Mildred, Tracy.
 Blackburn, Della, Los Angeles.
 Blythe, Ruby T., Glendale.
 Bolan, Nell E., Santa Maria.
 Bradley, Blanche, Los Angeles.
 Brocks, Gertrude T., Fresno.
 Burgess, Edna Z., Berkeley.
 Bussell, Florence B., Oakland.
 Bussman, Donna, San Francisco.
 Calkins, Mrs. G. J., Los Angeles.
 Cardozo, Anna C., Los Angeles.
 Carragher, Helen E., Sacramento.
 Catton, Frederica R., Oakland.
 Clauson, Sigrid I., San Jose.
 Cody, Katherine M., Coronado.
 Cree, Margaret A., Los Angeles.
 Critchett, Clara V., Long Beach.
 Davis, Hazel, Santa Maria.
 Drummond, Adelaide M., San Francisco.
 Eldred, Ruth E., Los Angeles.
 Fogarty, Loretto Josephine, Oakland.
 Godfrey, A., San Francisco.
 Guthrie, Ivy, Los Angeles.
 Hamilton, Margaret D., Hollywood.
 Hart, Gertrude L., San Francisco.
 Hartley, Helen S., Stockton.
 Howard, Mrs. C. C., Los Angeles.
 Jordan, Sarah H., Huntington Park.
 Kenney, Nellie, Los Angeles.
 Kern, Mary W., San Francisco.
 Kerr, Walburgha S., Los Angeles.
 Krause, Anna F., Los Angeles.
 Lamona, Eunice, Los Angeles.
 Lawson, Alice M., Los Angeles.
 Layland, Kathleen M., Oakland.
 Light, Aradell, Hemet.
 Light, Mabel A., Sacramento.
 Luchau, Mrs. Hulda W., Berkeley.
 Lynd, Dorothea, Burbank.
 McCowan, Ruth, Los Angeles.
 Macfarland, Hester R., Los Angeles.
 Macgowan, Mrs. Rose C., Hollywood.
 MacMahon, Frances W., San Francisco.
 Mathias, Agnes C., Glendora.
 Meehan, Mary E., Santa Barbara.
 Mercier, Pauline A., Pasadena.
 Mohr, Norah J. H., Los Angeles.
 Moethen, Marie C.
 Oliver, Ellen, Los Angeles.
 Paradise, Mrs. E. M., Pasadena.
 Pyburn, Fannie V., Sacramento.
 Reed, G. H., Los Angeles.
 Rolfe, Grace W., Hollywood.
 Ross, Isabel, San Francisco.
 Sallander, Louise, San Francisco.
 Schwab, Ernestine, San Francisco.
 Self, Loretta M., San Francisco.
 Sharpe, Anna M., Berkeley.
 Silver, Ursula E. B., Los Angeles.
 Soderwall, Doris, San Francisco.
 Stokes, Ellen G., Oakland.
 Stone, Rose E., Oakland.
 Thomas, Mary, Los Angeles.
 Thorwaldson, Jennie E., Los Angeles.
 Thurber, Florence B., Los Angeles.
 Tower, Alice S., Los Angeles.
 Van Guysling, Elizabeth, San Francisco.
 Vaughn, Fay G., San Francisco.
 Veazey, Eunice Mae, Berkeley.
 Warnken, Marie, Dixon.

Waterman, Helen F., Santa Barbara.
 Webb, Jeanne Cochrane, Los Angeles.
 Wilcox, Alice Edith, San Francisco.
 Willey, Lena L., Vacaville.
 Winstead, Ruth L., Pasadena.
 Wright, Dorothy E., San Francisco.



Dr. Saphro Returns To Los Angeles County.

Dr. Elizabeth M. Saphro, Chief of the Division of Child Hygiene of the Los Angeles County Health Department has returned to Los Angeles, after an absence of almost a year and a half. During this time she was at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where she enjoyed the attributes of an International Health Board fellowship in public health, followed by a traveling scholarship which enabled her to investigate child hygiene work in all countries of continental Europe. At Johns Hopkins, she received a degree of Doctor of Public Health.

Dr. John L. Pomeroy, Health Officer of Los Angeles County, because of the intricate health problems that constantly arise in his territory, has adopted a policy of assisting members of his staff to obtain all possible advantages for additional training and development in order that they may be better fitted to serve the department. Plans are under way for the establishment of three large new health centers within the county and Dr. Saphro will assist Dr. Pomeroy in organizing and maintaining these new institutions.



U. S. Infant Mortality Rate Shows Marked Drop.

A definite decline in the infant mortality rate in all racial groups during the six-year period 1916-1921 is reported by Dr. J. V. DePorte of Johns Hopkins University as a result of his analysis of birth and death statistics for different racial stocks in the United States.

Dr. DePorte states that the decline has been both absolute and relative, reducing the degree of variation between the rates of the diverse groups. He found the differences in the rates of infant mortality of the several groups due primarily to differences in mortality from diseases of the digestive and respiratory systems, which are theoretically, preventable. Less change, absolute or relative, was found in the rates of mortality of infants under one month. The differences between the various groups in these rates very probably have a biological basis, according to Dr. DePorte, and, in this sense, may be termed racial.

Malaria Control. Engineer Appointed.

Mr. Edward Stuart has been appointed engineer in charge of malaria control work for the California State Board of Health, succeeding Mr. Louva G. Lenert, resigned.

Mr. Stuart is a graduate of the Boston Institute of Technology. He, at one time, engaged in mosquito control work for the government of Brazil. He was sanitary engineer for the American Red Cross in Serbia. While serving as major in the American army he acted as sanitary advisor to the Serbs. In 1918 he served as sanitary engineer of the American Red Cross Expedition to Guatemala, where he was engaged in earthquake relief work. Mr. Stuart has recently been engaged in educational work for the International Education Board. Officers of mosquito abatement districts in California will find Mr. Stuart's services valuable in carrying on control work in their districts. His many years of experience in engineering and malaria control make him a valuable addition to the staff of the State Board of Health.



Suggestions For New Year Resolutions.

The Detroit Department of Health has made some suggestions for New Year resolutions, the careful observance of which would, no doubt, be of inestimable value to humanity. They read as follows:

FOR EVERYBODY.

1. Resolved to have a health appraisal—a complete physical examination to determine the exact condition of the human machine and to correct any defects which may be found.

2. Resolved to carefully observe all the traffic regulations and safety first rules during the year 1926.

FOR ALL PARENTS.

3. Resolved not to allow my children to contract diseases which are definitely preventable—smallpox and diphtheria. This may be assured by vaccination and the administration of toxin-antitoxin.

These are not fads or frills of doubtful worth. They are sound practices of proven value. If universally adopted and followed these New Year's resolutions would not only add years to the expected span of life but in the New Year alone would prevent hundreds of deaths.

Richmond Has A Good Health Record.

Dr. Charles R. Blake, Health Officer of Richmond, has written the following report of health conditions in his city during 1925:

"A review of the health report of the City of Richmond for the past year shows a steady regular growth in the population of our city and also a marked improvement in the general health. Diphtheria is almost an unknown word with us not only in Richmond but in our county of Contra Costa as we have not had a real bad case of diphtheria for many months. We hope to be able to say the same thing about smallpox within a year or so but just at present, there are too many who have not been vaccinated.

Our birth rate still shows a remarkable gain, as we have recorded 26 more births the past year than we had the previous year or a total of 389 births—202 males and 187 females.

Our death rate has fallen this year to only 4.63 per thousand against 4.8 per thousand the previous year, which is one of the lowest in the United States.

We have had no serious epidemics the past year, no great loss of attendance of children at school on account of any epidemics and everything considered, we believe we have had one of the best years from a health standpoint that this city or county has ever enjoyed.

Our death rate has dropped from 4.8 the previous year to 4.6 for this year just passed. We find that 70 out of the 152 deaths were of persons over 50 years of age; also we find that 21 were due to accidents, a very high number for us when the previous year we had only 12 fatal accidents. If we were to eliminate from our death records the 18 deaths of children under 1 year of age, almost all preventable, the 21 accidental deaths, almost all preventable, and the 23 persons over 70, who had lived their allotted three-score and ten, we should only have had 90 deaths in Richmond for the past year—a city with a population of over 27,000—proving mathematically that Richmond is one of the healthiest cities in the world and one of the best in which to bring up children."



"Local self-government is one of our most precious possessions. It is the greatest contributing factor to the stability, strength, liberty, and progress of the nation. It ought not to be infringed by assault or undermined by purchase. It ought not to abdicate power through weakness or resign its authority through favor."—President Coolidge.

MORBIDITY.***Diphtheria.**

80 cases of diphtheria have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles 12, Los Angeles County 10, San Diego 9, Orange County 6, San Francisco 6, Modesto 1, North Sacramento 1, San Leandro 1, Sacramento 3, Kern County 1, Santa Ana 3, Fresno County 2, Fresno 2, Stockton 2, Stanislaus County 1, Huntington Park 1, Lynwood 4, Torrance 1, Humboldt County 1, Maywood 1, San Fernando 1, Burbank 1, South Gate 1, Glendale 1, Long Beach 3, Alhambra 1, Riverside 1, Walnut Creek 3.

Measles.

38 cases of measles have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles 9, Santa Paula 6, San Francisco 6, Hawthorne 1, Los Angeles County 2, Pomona 1, Whittier 1, Ventura County 3, Redlands 1, Fresno County 1, Santa Ana 1, Modesto 1, Pasadena 1, Burlingame 1, Merced 1, Berkeley 1, Pittsburg 1.

Scarlet Fever.

139 cases of scarlet fever have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles 28, Los Angeles County 18, San Francisco 16, San Diego 8, Stockton 5, Long Beach 6, San Bernardino 2, Redlands 1, Pomona 1, Orange County 4, Bakersfield 1, Redondo 1, Burbank 4, Livermore 1, Taft 1, Butte County 3, Santa Ana 2, Inyo County 1, Fresno County 2, Modesto 1, Sacramento 1, Monterey County 2, Fresno 3, Berkeley 3, Manteca 1, Tracy 1, San Joaquin County 3, San Bernardino County 3, Whittier 1, Gridley 2, Santa Cruz

*From reports received on January 18th and 19th for week ending January 16th.

3, Reedley 1, Brea 1, Alameda 3, Exeter 2, San Jose 2, Santa Paula 1.

Smallpox.

145 cases of smallpox have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles 85, Los Angeles County 10, Riverside 10, Sacramento 9, Long Beach 5, Alameda 1, Pasadena 4, Lynwood 1, Merced County 1, Montebello 1, Arroyo Grande 1, Richmond 2, Berkeley 1, Placer County 1, Huntington Park 1, Azusa 1, Maywood 1, Culver City 1, San Fernando 1, Orange County 3, Modoc County 1, San Jose 1, Santa Paula 1, San Francisco 1, Dinuba 1.

Typhoid Fever.

16 cases of typhoid fever have been reported, as follows: San Diego 1, Los Angeles County 3, Long Beach 2, San Bernardino County 1, Orange County 2, Redlands 1, San Francisco 3, Solano County 1, Los Angeles 2.

Whooping Cough.

80 cases of whooping cough have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles County 16, Long Beach 9, San Diego 8, Los Angeles 8, Hayward 7, San Francisco 6, Redlands 1, San Bernardino 1, San Fernando 4, Alameda 1, Orange County 1, Riverside 4, Fresno County 1, Pasadena 2, Stockton 1, Burlingame 2, San Jose 2, Richmond 2, Glendale 1, Berkeley 1, Alameda County 2.

Epidemic Meningitis.

4 cases of epidemic meningitis have been reported, as follows: Sacramento 2, Modesto 1, San Francisco 1,

Epidemic Encephalitis.

Sonora reported one case of epidemic encephalitis.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTS.

Disease	1925-1926				1924-1925			
	Week ending			Reports for week ending Jan. 16 received by Jan. 19	Week ending			Reports for week ending Jan. 17 received by Jan. 20
	Dec. 26	Jan. 2	Jan. 9		Dec. 27	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	
Anthrax.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Botulism.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chickenpox.....	155	220	313	260	172	249	346	337
Diphtheria.....	76	81	90	80	173	156	142	130
Dysentery (Bacillary).....	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	1
Epidemic Encephalitis.....	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	0
Epidemic Meningitis.....	3	4	5	4	2	2	0	2
Gonorrhoea.....	43	75	112	116	73	66	118	69
Influenza.....	101	186	465	614	14	23	38	22
Leprosy.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Malaria.....	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Measles.....	14	30	44	38	20	35	37	52
Mumps.....	119	169	299	161	41	106	121	173
Pneumonia (lobar).....	50	73	130	77	112	140	98	88
Poliomyelitis.....	7	2	1	0	5	4	4	2
Scarlet Fever.....	95	138	173	139	138	128	163	159
Smallpox.....	62	54	81	145	86	121	123	180
Syphilis.....	68	87	147	104	78	75	197	109
Tuberculosis.....	193	126	170	169	93	158	197	282
Typhoid Fever.....	14	10	16	16	6	22	23	6
Whooping Cough.....	36	70	109	80	75	64	139	140
Totals.....	1038	1329	2157	2004	1092	1357	1751	1753

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